Best of Birding Cambodia & Vietnam
Trip Report
5th to 22nd December 2014 (18 days)

Giant Ibis at Tmatboey by Glen Valentine

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Tour Summary

The south-east Asian countries of Cambodia and Vietnam harbour some of Asia’s most tantalizing species, including a host of endemics, near-endemics and other specialties that are tough or impossible to see elsewhere in their limited distributions. Legendary and iconic avian gems such as Giant and White-shouldered Ibis, White-rumped Falcon, Bengal Florican, Greater Adjutant, Black-headed, Great Slaty and Pale-headed Woodpeckers, Germain’s Peacock-Pheasant, Green Peafowl, Bar-bellied Pitta, Red-vented and Indochinese Barbets, Dalat Shrike-babbler, Indochinese Green Magpie, Red-billed Scimitar Babbler, Orange-breasted and Collared Laughingthrushes, Vietnamese Cutia, Grey-crowned Crocias, Yellow-billed Nuthatch and Vietnamese Greenfinch are just some of the many mouth-watering highlights available on this superb birding adventure. We managed to find and obtain good views of all of these species and many more during our challenging but rewarding Cambodia and Vietnam birding tour. This was our adventure…

After our pre-tour extension of remote eastern Cambodia, where we enjoyed sightings of such mega-ticks as Cambodian Tailorbird, Mekong Wagtail, Pied Harrier, Great Hornbill, Milky Stork and Irrawaddy Dolphin, we began our main 2 ½ week tour of these two neighbouring countries. The trip focused on the best birding localities and targeted the endemics, near-endemics and other sought-after species on offer in each country. Starting off in the delightful city of Siem Reap, we ventured out of town towards the sizable Tonle Sap, the largest lake in south-east Asia. This vast wetland that is partially protected by the Core Reserve in the western corner of the lake protects important populations of breeding and migratory waterbirds and was our focal point for a full day. Tonle Sap did not disappoint and teemed with all sorts of water-associated bird species. Highlights included Greater and Lesser Adjutants, Spot-billed Pelican,
Asian Openbill, Black-headed Ibis, Little, Indian and Great Cormorants, Indian Spot-billed Duck, Brahminy Kite and Grey-headed Fish Eagle, while the dense thickets that lined the numerous waterways were also productive and yielded noteworthy species in the form Green-billed Malkoha, stunning Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Greater Coucal, Rufous Woodpecker, Malaysian Pied Fantail, Dusky Warbler, Pin-striped Tit-Babbler and Olive-backed Sunbird. In the late afternoon we visited one of Siem Reap’s public parks and here we admired Lyle’s and Large Flying foxes roosting in the massive trees dotted around the grounds.

The next day was a long, full day as we struck out early for the nearby “Florican Grasslands” near Kampong Thom to the east of Siem Reap. We arrived here soon after dawn while it was still nice and early and got stuck into some excellent grassland birding. It did not take us long at all to find our first Bengal Florican, which flew up just ahead of us and showed its immense beauty as it glided past for all to see. This was the first of an almost unprecedented 10 sightings of this rare, patchily distributed and extremely threatened bustard! We saw at least 6 different individuals during our time here, which included both males and females and we were utterly thrilled at this amazing birding experience! The grasslands also turned up many other goodies including the fabulous and rarely-seen King Quail, scarce and extremely skulking Lanceolated and Pallas’s Grasshopper Warblers, singing and displaying Horsfield’s Bushlark and Oriental Skylark, Stejneger’s Stonechat, gorgeous Red Avadavat, Scaly-breasted and Chestnut Munias, Eastern Marsh and Pied Harriers, dozens of Pin-tailed Snipe, and both Richard’s and Paddyfield Pipits, while a flock of fabulous Painted Stork was seen in flight overhead. After an extremely successful morning’s birding we continued the drive to Tmatboey, our remote destination in northern Cambodia, where we would spend the next three nights.

On the way to the tiny village of Tmatboey we made a stop at the edge of a patch of broad-leaved woodland, which yielded the target species, a handsome male White-rumped Falcon. Our lunch stop was at a small roadside restaurant that was situated in wonderful broad-leaved woodland and a post-lunch foray here turned up some
excellent species, namely White-bellied Woodpecker, Greater Flameback, Olive-backed Pipit and Banded Bay Cuckoo. What a fabulous lunch stop!

Arriving at our basic accommodation in the mid-afternoon, we settled into our rooms and had a short break during the afternoon heat before embarking on a walk that took us into the early evening. The dry, broad-leaved, dipterocarp woodlands around Tmatboey were alive with birds and our short stroll through this beautiful habitat yielded many fabulous species: Oriental Pied Hornbill, our first of many Rufous-winged Buzzards, the tiny Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Common Woodshrike, Common Iora, Large and Indochinese Cuckooshrikes, splendid Small Minivet, Burmese Shrike, Black-naped Oriole, White-browed Fantail, shy but mightily impressive Red-billed Blue Magpie, Rufous Treepie, Sooty-headed and Streak-eared Bulbuls, Grey-breasted, Plain and scarce Brown Prinias, localized Burmese Nuthatch and Black-collared Starling. We arrived at our White-shouldered Ibis site just before dusk and positioned ourselves for the quarry. Our timing was perfect and within a few minutes of arriving, a pair of these rare and range-restricted ibis came flying in to roost in a bare tree on the opposite side of the clearing in which we were positioned. Fantastic! With one of the area’s biggest targets in the bag we joyfully made our way back to the road and our awaiting 4x4 vehicles. On the walk back we found a Brown Hawk-Owl perched up in a bare tree and took some time to admire it before returning to our camp.

Our next two full days in the Tmatboey area afforded us views of a wide array of wonderful birds including most of our target species. Our first morning saw us up early and heading out to a potential roost site for the extremely rare, endangered and much desired Giant Ibis. After a lengthy search we finally caught up with this species in the late morning when a single bird flushed up from next
to the road and alighted in a nearby tree for us to admire and photograph at length. Absolutely awesome! We couldn't have hoped for better views of this extremely sought-after species and with spirits at an all-time high, we could relax and enjoy the rest of the morning’s birding, which produced sightings of a noisy family group of spectacular Black-headed Woodpeckers, several large flocks of beautiful Blossom-headed and Red-breasted Parakeets, Crested Serpent Eagle, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Crested Treeswift, Indian Roller, Common Flameback, Eurasian Hoopoe, sensational Scarlet Minivet, Black-hooded Oriole, localized Indochinese Bushlark and Chestnut-tailed Starling.

Other memorable species encountered during our time in the area included Chinese Francolin, Crested Honey Buzzard, Large Hawk-Cuckoo, Oriental Scops Owl, Spotted Owlet, Savanna Nightjar, Stork-billed and Black-capped Kingfishers, flyover Pale-capped Pigeon, gigantic Great Slaty and Alexandrine Parakeet, Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, Black-crested Bulbul, Radde’s, Two-barred and Pale-legged Leaf Warblers, noisy, attractive but rather secretive White-crested Laughingthrush, a male Van Hasselt’s Sunbird and a brilliant male Siberian Rubythroat.

From Tmatboey we made our way further east to the even more remote area of Veal Krous where we spent just the one night. Arriving in the late afternoon, we quickly put our bags down in our tented accommodation and embarked on the short walk to the nearby vulture restaurant, the main reason for us visiting this site. Several vultures greeted us upon arrival and were made up of three different species: White-rumped making up the majority with smaller numbers of Red-headed and Slender-billed also in attendance. All three species were seen very well and at length but unfortunately were not actually seen coming down to feed at the carcasses that had been laid out for them.

During our afternoon and morning at Veal Krous we were entertained by many of the species

Grey-headed Fish Eagle by Glen Valentine

Lesser Adjutant by Glen Valentine
already seen at Tmatboey, but we did also find a few different birds in the form of Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Lesser Adjutant, Red-wattled Lapwing, Thick-billed Warbler, Brown Shrike and Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker.

Sadly, Veal Krous marked the end to our Cambodian leg of this epic adventure. From there we made our way back to Siem Reap where we said fond farewells to our wonderful guide, Nara and fabulous drivers. Our plane was punctual and we arrived in Ho Chi Minh City (the old Saigon) in southern Vietnam on time in the late morning. After being met by our Vietnamese assistant and local guide, Minh, we boarded our comfortable, air-conditioned bus and struck out for the famous Cat Tien National Park, one of south-east Asia’s best rainforest birding sites and our destination for the next four nights. We arrived at Cat Tien in the late afternoon and boarded the ferry across the river into the national park. This evening we were serenaded by singing Brown Hawk-Owls, Great Eared Nightjars and Collared Scops Owl.

Our three full days in Cat Tien gave us some of our best birds and birding of the trip and, although the birding was slow-going and rather challenging at times, we also had many magical moments and immensely productive and bird-filled sessions, which led to us seeing most of the reserves specialties. Forest trails yielded secretive species including the superb Bar-bellied Pitta, immaculate Siberian Blue Robin, Yellow-bellied Warbler, Pale-footed Bush Warbler, Green-legged Partridge, Pale Blue, Tickell’s Blue and Blue-and-white Flycatchers, Scaly-crowned and Buff-breasted Babblers, White-rumped Shama and Purple-naped Sunbird, while tracks through the forest and natural clearings at the forest edge gave us the majority of our birds recorded in Cat Tien. These included the near-endemic Germain’s Peacock-Pheasant, Black Baza, scarce and often-elusive Ashy-headed Green Pigeon, Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo, brilliant Banded Kingfisher, impressive Blue-bearded and Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Lineated, Green-eared and Blue-

We also embarked on two late afternoon drives towards the edge of the reserve and these proved rather productive as we enjoyed excellent views of the incomparable Green Peafowl, Red Turtle Dove, Lesser Coucal, Germain’s Swiftlet, Silver-backed Needletail, Vinous-breasted Starling, White-rumped and Scaly-breasted Munias, and Chestnut-capped Babbler. Several mammal species were also encountered on these drives including Indian Muntjac, Sambar, while other noteworthy mammals found during our time in Cat Tien included the gorgeous Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbon, localized and highly-threatened Black-shanked Douc, Long-tailed and Northern Pig-tailed Macaques and Northern Slender-tailed Treeshrew.

One of the absolute highlights of our time in Cat Tien was finding a massive fruiting tree that hung right over the road and which attracted all sorts of wonderful birds. We visited this tree on several occasions and spent quite some time here enjoying the feeding frenzy of Thick-billed, Pin-tailed and Ashy-headed Green Pigeons, Green Imperial Pigeon, Golden-crested and Common Hill Mynas and Coppersmith Barbet.

Our afternoon drives returned after dusk and these, coupled with night walks around the camp, produced several rewarding nocturnal species, namely Collared Scops Owl, Brown Hawk-Owl and magnificent Great Eared and Large-tailed Nightjars. The harrier-like Great Eared Nightjars were particularly impressive and common here, being seen in good numbers each evening at dusk as dozens would emerge from their roosting sites to begin feeding.

From Cat Tien we made our way into the Vietnamese highlands and spent the night at Di Linh. This served as an excellent base to explore the nearby Deo Sui Lanh Pass and its luscious, verdant

Blue-bearded Bee-eater by Glen

Mrs. Gould’s Sunbird by Glen Valentine
forests. Our afternoon on the pass unfortunately coincided with cool, overcast and rainy weather, which made birding extremely challenging. However, we still managed to find several of the pass’s specialties such as Pin-tailed Green Pigeon, Mountain Imperial Pigeon, Red-vented and Indochinese Barbets, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, Flavescent Bulbul, Arctic Warbler, Mountain Fulvetta, Black-throated Bushtit, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker, Crimson Sunbird, Streaked Spiderhunter and Grey Wagtail.

The next morning on the pass was much more pleasant and we were treated to a clear and bird-filled morning. Species came thick and fast from the first rays of light and highlights were numerous. These included Blue Whistling Thrush, Yellow-billed Nuthatch, Indochinese Green Magpie, spectacular Red-headed Trogon, Maroon Oriole, ultra-showy and vociferous Red-billed Scimitar Babbler, White-cheeked and incredibly secretive Black-hooded Laughingthrushes, White-bellied Erpornis, Dark-sided, Mugimaki and Verditer Flycatchers, Rufous-capped Babbler, Black-headed Parrotbill and White-throated Rock Thrush amongst many others.

After a productive morning on Deo Sui Lanh Pass it was time to make our way to our final destination of the trip, the vibrant but pleasant highland town of Da Lat. Only a short drive away, we arrived at our comfortable hotel in town in the mid-afternoon and immediately ventured out for some initial birding in the Ta Nung Valley. Unfortunately the wind was howling and birding was near-impossible. Strong wind and overcast and cool conditions proved to be the trend for the duration of our time at Da Lat but we made the most of the situation despite the less than ideal weather and still managed to find all of Da Lat’s endemic and near-endemic species, as well as most of the area’s other highly acclaimed specialties. Birding famous sites such as the Ta Nung Valley, the coniferous and broad-leaved forests around the Ho Tuyen Lam Dam, as well as the trail up Mt. Lang Biang yielded the target birds, which added up and we departed Da Lat with an impressive list of mouth-watering species.

We made several trips into the Ta Nung valley in order to find all of our target species here, and our forays eventually yielded the near-mythical Grey-crowned Crocias, which showed sensationally well, skulking Orange-breasted and White-cheeked Laughingthrushes, Dalat Shrike-babbler, Black-headed and Rufous-backed Sibia, furtive Rufous-browed Flycatcher, Red-vented and Indochinese Barbets, and also Indochinese Green Magpie, while other more widespread but no less exciting species included Barred Cuckoo-Dove, Thick-billed Green Pigeon, Mountain Imperial Pigeon, Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo, Greater Yellownape, Bay Woodpecker, Indochinese Cuckooshrike, White-throated Fantail, Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Mountain, Flavescent and Black Bulbuls, Grey-throated Babbler, dazzling Asian...
Fairy-bluebird, Little Pied Flycatcher, Mrs. Gould’s and Black-throated Sunbirds, and Streaked Spiderhunter.

During our explorations of the beautiful pine and broad-leaved forests that surround Ho Tuyen Lam Dam we were rewarded with such noteworthy species as the endemic Vietnamese Greenfinch, Hill Prinia, Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon, Slender-billed Oriole, Green-backed Tit, the unique Red Crossbill, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch, Long-tailed Minivet, Grey-faced Buzzard, Crested Honey Buzzard, Eurasian Jay, Black-collared Starling, Eyebrowed and Japanese Thrushes, Grey Bush Chat, Collared Owlet, Large Niltava, secretive and exquisite White-tailed Robin, Black-throated Bushtit, Blue-winged Minla, Kloss’s and Eastern Crowned Warblers, incredible Long-tailed Broadbill and striking White-browed Scimitar Babbler.

The last new site that we visited in the Da Lat area was Mt. Lang Biang; home to most of the area’s famed endemics and the only site for a number of species occurring in the Da Lat area. The short trail that leads through the beautiful, moss-draped, broad-leaved evergreen forest on the upper slope of the mountain produced some sensational birding, with highlights including the striking, endemic Collared Laughingthrush, Dalat and Clicking Shrike-babblers, Mountain and endemic Black-crowned Fulvetta, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Blyth’s Leaf, White-spectacled, Grey-cheeked and Chestnut-crowned Warblers, Mountain Tailorbird and Grey-bellied Tesia, while the coniferous forest right around the parking area gave us the highly sought-after and rather elusive Vietnamese Cutia as well as Grey-headed Woodpecker, Mrs. Gould’s Sunbird, Green-backed Tit, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch and Grey-chinned Minivet.

Alas, it was time to bid farewell to Vietnam and its beautiful forests, awe-inspiring scenery and friendly people, and make our way back to Ho Chi Minh City to connect with our international flights back home.

**BIRDS (318 species recorded (305 seen and 13 heard (H) only))**
Annotated List of Birds recorded

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). 2015. IOC World Bird List (v 5.1). Names in round brackets refer to the alternative name for the species.

**Pheasants & Partridges  Phasianidae**

**Chinese Francolin**  
*Francolinus pintadeanus*  
Heard and seen at Tmatboey and Veal Krous.

**King (Blue-breasted) Quail**  
*Excalfactoria coromandelica*  
Two seen in flight in the Florican Grasslands near Kampong Thom.

**Bar-backed Partridge (H)**  
*Arborophila chloropus*  
Heard in the Ta Nung Valley.

**Green-legged (Scaly-breasted) Partridge**  
*Arborophila chloropus*  
Several seen and many more heard in Cat Tien NP.

**Red Junglefowl (H)**  
*Gallus gallus*  
Heard near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Germain’s Peacock-Pheasant (VNE) (RE)**  
*Polyplectron germaini*  
One of the major trip highlights! Heard and seen on three occasions in Cat Tien NP.

**Green Peafowl**  
*Pavo muticus*  
One of the birds of the trip! Several males and females seen on two separate afternoons in Cat Tien NP.

**Swans, Geese & Ducks  Anatidae**

**Indian (Asian) Spot-billed Duck**  
*Anas poecilorhyncha*  
Seen on Tonle Sap and in the Florican Grasslands.

**Grebes  Podicipedidae**

**Little Grebe (Dabchick)**  
*Tachybaptus ruficollis*  
Seen on Tonle Sap and again on Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Storks  Ciconiidae**

**Painted Stork**  
*Mycteria leucocephala*  
A small group flew overhead while birding the Florican Grasslands.

**Asian Openbill**  
*Anastomus oscitans*  
Several seen on Tonle Sap.

**Woolly-necked Stork**  
*Ciconia episcopus*  
Seen at Tmatboey, Veal Krous and Cat Tien NP.

**Lesser Adjutant**  
*Leptoptilos javanicus*  
First seen on Tonle Sap and then again at Tmatboey, Veal Krous and Cat Tien.

**Greater Adjutant**  
*Leptoptilos dubius*  
Another great bird! A few birds were seen in flight over the Core Reserve on Tonle Sap.
Ibises, Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae*

**Black-headed Ibis** *Threskiornis melanocephalus*
A few birds seen at Tonle Sap and in the Florican Grasslands.

**White-shouldered Ibis** *Pseudibis davisoni*
Another trip highlight! Two birds were seen in flight and then perched in the scope on our first afternoon at Tmatboey.

**Giant Ibis (CNE) (RE)** *Pseudibis gigantea*
One of the prizes of the trip! We were fortunate to have found this species during our time at Tmatboey where we were treated to superb views of a single bird.

Herons, Egrets & Bitterns *Ardeidae*

**Chinese Pond Heron** *Ardeola bacchus*
Seen every single day of the trip, albeit in non-breeding plumage.

**Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus (ibis) coromanda*
Seen on almost every day.

*NOTE: This group may be split into 2 species, the nominate Common Cattle Egret and the Asian/Australasian Eastern Cattle Egret (E. coromanda). This split is as yet not recognised by Clements.*

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*
Fair numbers on Tonle Sap, in the Florican Grasslands and at Veal Krous.

**Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea*
Seen in flight over the Florican Grasslands.

**(Eastern) Great Egret** *Ardea alba*
Seen at Tonle Sap and in the Florican Grasslands.

**Intermediate (Yellow-billed) Egret** *Egretta intermedia*
Only seen at Tonle Sap.

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*
Seen at Tonle Sap, in the Florican Grasslands and at Veal Krous.

Pelicans *Pelecanidae*

**Spot-billed Pelican** *Pelecanus philippensis*
Excellent views were had at Tonle Sap with a few more seen in flight over the Florican Grasslands.

Cormorants *Phalacrocoracidae*

**Little Cormorant** *Microcarbo (Phalacrocorax) niger*
Only seen at Tonle Sap.

**Indian Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*
Quite good numbers at Tonle Sap.

**Great Cormorant** *Carbo carbo*
A few seen on Tonle Sap.

Darters *Anhingidae*

**Oriental Darter** *Anhinga melanogaster*

**Western Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*

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NOTE: IOC splits Osprey into two species: Western Osprey P. haliaetus and Eastern Osprey P. cristatus. Clements does not recognize this split.

**Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Vultures  Accipitridae**

**Black-winged (shouldered) Kite**  *Elanus caeruleus*
A few seen on the drive to Cat Tien with another sighting near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard**  *Pernis ptilorhynchus*
Singletons seen at Tmatboey, Veal Krous and near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Black Baza**  *Aviceda leuphotes*
After brief views of this species at Tmatboey we enjoyed a good sighting of this striking raptor in flight at Cat Tien NP.

**White-rumped Vulture**  *Gyps bengalensis*
Several seen on consecutive days at Veal Krous.

**Slender-billed Vulture**  *Gyps tenuirostris*
One sub-adult bird seen at Veal Krous.

**Red-headed Vulture**  *Sarcogyps calvus*
At least two seen at Veal Krous.

**Crested Serpent Eagle**  *Spilornis cheela*
Regularly seen at Tmatboey and Veal Krous and also encountered at Cat Tien NP.

**Changeable Hawk-Eagle**  *Nisaetus cirrhatus*
Good views of this species at Tmatboey.

**Mountain Hawk-Eagle**  *Nisaetus nipalensis*
One bird seen in flight in the distance near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Shikra**  *Accipiter badius*
Seen at Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP.

**Eastern Marsh Harrier**  *Circus spilonotus*
Good views over the Florican Grasslands.

**Pied Harrier**  *Circus melanoleucos*
A male was seen in flight over the Florican Grasslands.

**Black Kite**  *Milvus migrans*
Only seen around Ho Chi Minh City.

**Brahminy Kite**  *Haliastur indus*
Two seen well in flight at Tonle Sap.

**Grey-headed Fish Eagle**  *Haliaeetus ichthyæetus*
Seen in the distance at Tonle Sap with better, closer perched views at Veal Krous.

**Rufous-winged Buzzard**  *Butastur liventer*
Commonly seen at Tmatboey and Veal Krous.

**Grey-faced Buzzard**  *Butastur indicus*
A single bird was seen in flight near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Bustards  Otididae**

**Bengal Florican**  *Houbaropsis bengalensis*
Incredible views (10 sightings) of at least 6 separate birds were had in the Florican Grasslands near Kampong Thom. Sensational!
Rails, Gallinules & Coots  *Rallidae*

**Watercock**  *Gallicrex cinerea*
Dave had one in the Florican Grasslands.

**Plovers & Lapwings  *Charadriidae***

**Red-wattled Lapwing**  *Vanellus indicus*
A few sightings at Tmatboey, Veal Krous and in Cat Tien NP.

**Sandpipers & Allies  *Scolopacidae***

**Pin-tailed Snipe**  *Gallinago stenura*
Good flight views of many birds in the Florican Grasslands.

**Doves & Pigeons  *Columbidae***

**Rock Dove (Pigeon)**  *Columba livia*
Commonly seen around towns and cities.

**Pale-capped Pigeon**  *Columba punicea*
Dave was very fortunate to have seen this species in flight at Tmatboey.

**Red Turtle Dove**  *Streptopelia tranquebarica*
Seen on 6 separate days.

**Spotted Dove**  *Streptopelia chinensis*
Common and seen on almost every day.

**Barred Cuckoo-Dove**  *Macropygia unchall*
Seen well in the Ta Nung Valley and at Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Common Emerald Dove**  *Chalcophaps indica*
Brief flight views were had at Deo Sui Lanh Pass and in the Ta Nung Valley.  
*NOTE: The IOC has recently split the race C. longirostris of Australasia as a separate species Pacific Emerald Dove.*  
*We recorded the nominate on our tour C. indica. This split is not currently recognized by Clements.*

**Zebra Dove**  *Geopelia striata*
Only seen around Siem Reap.

**Ashy-headed (Pompadour) Green Pigeon**  *Treron phayrei*
Excellent views of this scarce species in Cat Tien NP.

**Thick-billed Green Pigeon**  *Treron curvirostra*
Sensational views of many birds in Cat Tien NP, especially around a massive fruiting tree. Also seen in the Ta Nung Valley.

**Yellow-footed Green Pigeon**  *Treron phoenicopterus*
Good perched views at Tmatboey.

**Pin-tailed Green Pigeon**  *Treron apicauda*
Good scope views at Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

**Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon**  *Treron sphenurus*
Excellent views of 6 birds near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Green Imperial Pigeon**  *Ducula aenea*
First seen at Tmatboey and then regularly seen in Cat Tien NP.

**Mountain Imperial Pigeon**  *Ducula badia*
Seen on consecutive days on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and daily around Da Lat.

**Cuckoos  *Cuculidae***

**Greater Coucal**  *Centropus sinensis***
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Seen at Tonle Sap and in Cat Tien NP.

**Lesser Coucal** (*Centropus bengalensis*)
Good views were had of several birds in Cat Tien NP.

**Green-billed Malkoha** (*Phaenicophaeus tristis*)
First seen at Tonle Sap and later in Cat Tien NP. Also seen in the Ta Nung Valley.

**Chestnut-winged Cuckoo** (*Clamator coromandus*)
Seen from the restaurant in Cat Tien NP.

**Banded Bay Cuckoo** (*Cacomantis sonneratii*)
Seen at a lunch stop en route to Tmatboey.

**Square-tailed (Asian) Drongo-Cuckoo** (*Surniculus lugubris*)
Seen on several occasions in Cat Tien NP and in the Da Lat area.

**Large Hawk-Cuckoo** (*Hierococcyx (Cuculus) sparverioides*)
Seen in flight at Tmatboey and again in the Da Lat area. Several birds seen in flight could not be identified and most likely refer to Rufous (Northern) Hawk-Cuckoo.

**Typical Owls** *Strigidae*

**Collared Scops Owl** (*Otus lettia*)
Excellent, close views were had of this tricky-to-see species at Cat Tien NP.

**Oriental Scops Owl** (*Otus sunia*)
Fabulous, close views were enjoyed at Tmatboey.

**Brown Fish Owl**
Brief flight views were had at Tmatboey.

**Spotted Wood Owl (H)** (*Strix seloputo*)
Unfortunately just heard in the distance on two days at Tmatboey.

**Collared Owlet** (*Glaucidium brodiei*)
Heard on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and at Ho Tuyen Lam Dam and good perched views were later had near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Asian Barred Owlet (H)** (*Glaucidium cuculoides*)
Heard almost daily on the trip. No attempt was made to see this common species since everyone had already seen it on the extension or on pre-tour outings.

**Spotted Owlet** (*Athene brama*)
Good views were had of one in the afternoon at Tmatboey.

**Brown Hawk-Owl (Boobook)** (*Ninox scutulata*)
Heard and seen on almost every evening at Cat Tien NP. First seen at Tmatboey.

**Nightjars & Allies** *Caprimulgidae*

**Great Eared Nightjar** (*Eurostopodus macrotis*)
Good flight views were had in Cat Tien NP on most evenings with up to around 10 birds being visible at one time! Incredible!

**Large-tailed Nightjar** (*Caprimulgus macrurus*)
Good perched and flight views were had at Cat Tien NP.

**Savanna Nightjar** (*Caprimulgus affinis*)
Good flight views of a female during the day at Tmatboey.

**Treesifts** *Hemiprocnidae*

**Crested Treesift** (*Hemiprocnene coronata*)
Seen daily in the Tmatboey and Veal Krous areas.

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**Swifts Apodidae**

**Germain’s Swiftlet**  
* Aerodromus germani  
Seen daily in Cat Tien NP.

**Silver-backed Needletail**  
* Hirundapus cochininchinensis  
Good flight views were had of around 20 birds one afternoon in Cat Tien NP.

**Asian Palm Swift**  
* Cypsiurus balasiensis  
Commonly seen throughout.

**Pacific Swift**  
* Apus pacificus  
Seen in flight at the edge of Cat Tien NP and on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

**House Swift**  
* Apus nipalensis  
Seen around Da Lat.

**Trogons Trogonidae**

**Orange-breasted Trogon**  
* Harpactes oreskios  
After brief encounters with nervous individuals we finally obtained superb views of a pair in Cat Tien NP.

**Red-headed Trogon**  
* Harpactes erythrocephalus  
Several rather brief sightings were had in Cat Tien NP.

**Rollers Coraciidae**

**Indian Roller**  
* Coracias benghalensis  
Seen on most days in the lowlands.

**Oriental Dollarbird**  
* Eurystomus orientalis  
Good views at Cat Tien NP.

**Kingfishers Alcedinidae**

**Banded Kingfisher**  
* Lacedo pulchella  
Fabulous, extended scope views were had of a female in Cat Tien NP.

**Stork-billed Kingfisher**  
* Pelargopsis capensis  
Flight views were had of a singleton at Tmatboey.

**White-throated Kingfisher**  
* Halcyan smyrnensis  
Seen on several occasions throughout.

**Black-capped Kingfisher**  
* Halcyan pileata  
A stunning species that was seen at Tonle Sap and in the Tmatboey area.

**Common Kingfisher**  
* Alcedo atthis  
Seen at Tonle Sap.

**Bee-eaters Meropidae**

**Blue-bearded Bee-eater**  
* Nyctyornis athertoni  
Several good sightings were had in Cat Tien NP. Also seen in the Ta Nung Valley.

**Green Bee-eater**  
* Merops orientalis  
Seen commonly during the first 5 days of the tour.

**Blue-tailed Bee-eater**  
* Merops philippinus  
Superb views were had at Tonle Sap. Also seen in the Florican Grasslands.

**Chestnut-headed Bee-eater**  
* Merops leschenaulti  
Good views of several birds at Cat Tien NP.

**Hoopoes Upupidae**

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Eurasian Hoopoe
Upupa epops
Singletons seen at Tmatboey and Veal Krous.

NOTE: The Hoopoe complex has had a confusing taxonomic history, with one to four species being recognised by various authorities. Clements splits the group into two forms, Madagascar U. marginalis and Eurasian U. epops. The most generally accepted treatment is that of three species, Madagascar, Eurasian and African. The IOC accepts the splits of Madagascar, African and Eurasian Hoopoes.

Hornbills Bucerotidae
Oriental Pied Hornbill
Anthracoceros albirostris
Seen well at Tmatboey and again in Cat Tien NP.

Barbets Capitonidae
Red-vented Barbet (RE)
Megalaima lagrandieri
Seen in Cat Tien NP, on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and in the Ta Nung Valley.

Lineated Barbet
Megalaima lineata
Commonly seen at most sites.

Green-eared Barbet
Megalaima faiosticta
Good views were had in Cat Tien NP.

Golden-throated Barbet (H)
Megalaima franklinii
Unfortunately only heard in the distance on one occasion on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Indochinese (Assam) Barbet (VNE) (RE)
Megalaima annamensis
Seen very well on several occasions on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and throughout the Da Lat area.

Blue-eared Barbet
Megalaima australis
This tiny barbet showed well in Cat Tien NP.

Coppersmith Barbet
Megalaima haemacephala
Seen well in Cat Tien NP.

Woodpeckers Picidae
White-browed Piculet (H)
Sasia ochracea
Unfortunately only heard in a dense bamboo thicket in Cat Tien NP.

Heart-spotted Woodpecker (H)
Hemicircus canente
Heard on one occasion in Cat Tien NP.

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker
Dendrocopos canicapillus
A tiny woodpecker that was seen daily in the Tmatboey and Veal Krous areas.

Yellow-crowned Woodpecker
Dendrocopos mahrattensis
Good views of one at Tmatboey.

White-bellied Woodpecker
Dryocopus javensis
This large, striking woodpecker was seen at a lunch stop en route to Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP.

Greater Yellow-nape
Picus flavinucha
Brief but good views were had of a single bird that flew into pishing in the Ta Nung Valley.

Laced Woodpecker
Picus vittatus
Good views in Cat Tien NP.

Black-headed Woodpecker
Picus erythropygius
A spectacular bird, we enjoyed several excellent sightings of pairs and family groups at Tmatboey.

Grey-headed (faced) Woodpecker
Picus canus
Roger and Minh had this species at the start of the trail up Mt. Lang Biang.

Common Flameback
Dinopium javanense
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Several views had at Tmatboey.

**Greater Flameback**  *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*

Seen at our lunch stop en route to Tmatboey.

**Pale-headed Woodpecker**  *Gecinus grantia*

Another trip highlight and a very difficult bird to find! We enjoyed fabulous views of a pair in dense bamboo in Cat Tien NP.

**Bay Woodpecker**  *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*

Heard on a few occasions and seen briefly in the Ta Nung Valley.

**Rufous Woodpecker**  *Micropterum brachyurus*

Good views on our first morning while boating on Tonle Sap.

**Great Slaty Woodpecker**  *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*

Encounters with this, the largest extant woodpecker, were had at Tmatboey and Veal Krous.

**Falcons & Caracaras  *Falconidae***

**White-rumped Falcon**  *Polihierax insignis*

Wonderful views of this scarce and range-restricted falcon en route to Tmatboey.

**Collared Falconet**  *Microhierax caerulescens*

Dave had a group of six sitting out in the morning at Veal Krous.

**Parrots, Macaws & Allies  *Psittacidae***

**Vernal Hanging-Parrot**  *Loriculus vernalis*

Seen daily in flight over Cat Tien NP. We did also manage to eventually achieve perched views of these tiny parrots.

**Alexandrine Parakeet**  *Psittacula eupatria*

Seen in flight on one occasion at Tmatboey.

**Blossom-headed Parakeet**  *Psittacula roseate*

Fairly commonly seen in the Tmatboey area with further sightings at Cat Tien NP.

**Red-breasted Parakeet**  *Psittacula alexandri*

Seen well at Tmatboey and again in Cat Tien NP.

**Broadbills  *Eurylaimidae***

**Black-and-red Broadbill**  *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos*

Fabulous views of this species on several occasions in Cat Tien NP.

**Long-tailed Broadbill**  *Psarisomus dalhousiae*

Good but brief views were had of a group of four birds near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam. Also heard on the Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

**Banded Broadbill**  *Eurylaimus javanicus*

Sensational scope views were enjoyed of this cracking bird in Cat Tien NP.

**Pittas  *Pittidae***

**Blue-rumped Pitta (H)**  *Hydrornis soror*

Despite our best efforts, this rarely seen species was unfortunately only heard on a few occasions in Cat Tien NP.

**Bar-bellied Pitta (RE)**  *Hydrornis elliotii*

Good views were had of this stunning pitta on several occasions in Cat Tien NP.

**Woodshrikes and allies  *Tephrodornithidae***

**Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike**  *Hemipus picatus*
A few birds seen in Cat Tien NP, on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and in the Da Lat area.

**Large Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis virgatus*
One seen in Cat Tien NP on our final morning there.

**Common Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*
Fair numbers seen daily in the Tmatboey and Veal Krous areas.

### Woodswallows *Artamidae*

**Ashy Woodswallow** *Artamus fuscus*
Commonly seen in Cat Tien NP.

### Ioras *Aegithinidae*

**Common Iora** *Aegithina tiphia*
Seen at Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP.

**Great Iora** *Aegithina lafresnayei*
Good views were had on a few occasions in Cat Tien NP.

### Cuckooshrikes *Campephagidae*

**Large Cuckooshrike** *Coracina macei*
Seen on a few occasions at Tmatboey, Veal Krous and near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Indochinese Cuckooshrike** *Coracina polioptera*
Seen at Tmatboey, in Cat Tien NP, Deo Sui Lanh and daily in the Da Lat area.

**Ashy Minivet** *Pericrocotus divaricatus*
Small flocks seen most days in Cat Tien NP.

**Small Minivet** *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*
Commonly found at Tmatboey.

**Grey-chinned Minivet** *Pericrocotus solaris*
Seen at the start of the trail up Mt. Lang Biang.

**Long-tailed Minivet** *Pericrocotus ethologus*
A small group was encountered near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Scarlet Minivet** *Pericrocotus flammeus*
This stunner was seen at Tmatboey, Cat Tien and Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

### Shrikes *Laniidae*

**Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus*
Seen at Veal Krous and in the Da Lat area.

**Burmese Shrike** *Lanius collurioiides*
Seen rather frequently at Tmatboey and in the Da Lat area.

### Vireos, Greenlets *Vireonidae*

**White-bellied Erpornis (Yuhina)** *Erpornis zantholeuca*
Two separate sightings were had on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

**Dalat (White-browed) Shrike-Babbler (VNE) (RE)** *Pteruthius aeralatus*
A pair was seen on the upper reaches of the Mt. Lang Biang Trail and another male was seen in the Ta Nung Valley.

**Clicking (Chestnut-fronted) Shrike-Babbler** *Pteruthius aenobarbus*
Excellent views of a male near the summit of the Mt. Lang Biang Trail.

*NOTE: This species has recently been split up by the IOC into Clicking and Trilling Shrike-babblers. The species we
observed is Clicking Shrike-babbler, *P. intermedius*. The nominate Trilling Shrike-babbler *P. aenobarbus* is confined to Java.

### Old World Orioles *Oriolidae*

- **Slender-billed Oriole** *Oriolus tenuirostris*
  Several seen in pine forest at Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.
- **Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis*
  Seen at Tmatboey and then daily in Cat Tien NP.
- **Black-hooded Oriole** *Oriolus xanthornus*
  Seen almost daily throughout the lowlands.
- **Maroon Oriole** *Oriolus traillii*
  Excellent views of this species on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

### Drongos *Dicruridae*

- **Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus*
  Seen almost every day.
- **Ashy Drongo** *Dicrurus leucophaeus*
  Another common species, seen on most days.
- **Bronzed Drongo** *Dicrurus aeneus*
  First seen at Tmatboey and thereafter every day in Vietnam.
- **Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus remifer*
  This spectacular drongo was seen a few times on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.
- **Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus*
  Seen daily in Cat Tien NP.

*NOTE: Clements splits this species into two species: Hair-crested Drongo *D. hottentottus* and Tablas Drongo *D. menagei* whereas IOC only recognizes one species, Hair-crested Drongo *D. hottentottus*.*

- **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus paradiseus*
  Also seen daily in Cat Tien NP.

### Fantails *Rhipiduridae*

- **White-throated Fantail** *Rhipidura albicollis*
  Seen daily in the Da Lat area.
- **White-browed Fantail** *Rhipidura aureola*
  Seen daily at Tmatboey and Veal Krous.
- **Malaysian Pied Fantail** *Rhipidura javanica*
  Only seen in thickets on Tonle Sap.

### Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae*

- **Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea*
  Commonly heard and seen on a few occasions in Cat Tien NP.
- **Asian Paradise Flycatcher (H)** *Terpsiphone paradisi*
  Unfortunately only heard in the Tmatboey area.

### Crows, Jays & Magpies *Corvidae*

- **Eurasian Jay** *Garrulus glandarius*
  A few pairs were seen at Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.
- **Red-billed Blue Magpie** *Urocissa erythrorhyncha*
  This stunning bird was only seen at Tmatboey.
- **Indochinese (Short-tailed/Yellow-breasted) Green Magpie (RE)** *Cissa hypoleuca*
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Seen briefly on a few occasions on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and in the Ta Nung Valley. An extremely shy species!

**Rufous Treepie** *Dendrocitta vagabunda*
Several good sightings at Tmatboey.

**Racket-tailed Treepie** *Crypsirina temia*
Seen briefly on Tonle Sap and then much better later on in Cat Tien NP.

**Eastern Jungle (Large-billed) Crow** *Corvus levaillanti*
Seen daily in the lowlands of Cambodia.

*NICE: IOC splits Large-billed Crow into three species: Large-billed Crow C. macrorhynchos, Eastern Jungle Crow C. levaillanti, and Indian Jungle Crow C. culminatus. Clements does not recognize these splits.

**Fairy Flycatchers** _Stenostiridae_

**Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis*
First seen on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and then almost daily in the Da Lat area.

**Chickadees & Tits** _Paridae_

**Green-backed Tit** *Parus monticolus*
Good views of several birds in the Da Lat area.

**Yellow-cheeked Tit** *Parus spilonotus*
A pair was seen along the Mt. Lang Biang Trail.

**Larks** _Alaudidae_

**Horsfield's (Australasian) Bushlark** *Mirafra javanica*
Good flight and perched views were had in the Florican Grasslands.

**Indochinese Bush Lark** *Mirafra erythrocephala*
Superb views were enjoyed of this specialty at Tmatboey.

**Oriental Skylark** *Alauda gulgula*
This species was seen in display flight in the Florican Grasslands.

**Bulbuls** _Pycnonotidae_

**Black-crested Bulbul** *Pycnonotus melanicterus*
Seen at Tmatboey and throughout Vietnam.

**Red-whiskered Bulbul** *Pycnonotus jocosus*
Seen in the Tmatboey area.

**Sooty-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus aurigaster*
Abundant and seen throughout the tour.

**Stripe-throated Bulbul** *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*
Seen daily in Cat Tien NP.

**Flavescent Bulbul** *Pycnonotus flavescens*
Good views on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and in the Da Lat area.

**Yellow-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus goiavier*
Only seen at our hotel in Siem Reap.

**Streak-eared Bulbul** *Pycnonotus blanfordi*
Seen in the lowlands on 7 separate dates.

**Puff-throated Bulbul** *Criniger pallidus*
A rather shy species that was seen on the Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

**Ochraceous Bulbul** *Criniger ochraceus*
Two birds seen briefly on our final morning in Cat Tien NP.
Grey-eyed Bulbul  
Iole propinqua  
Good views of several birds in Cat Tien NP.

Mountain Bulbul  
Ixos mcclellandii  
Seen daily in the Da Lat area.

Ashy Bulbul (H)  
Hemixos flavala  
Only heard on one occasion in the Ta Nung Valley.  
**NOTE:** IOC splits this species into two species: Ashy Bulbul H. flavala and Cinereous Bulbul H. cinereus, whereas Clements only recognizes one species, Ashy Bulbul H. flavala.

Black Bulbul  
Hypsipetes leucocephalus  
Large numbers seen in the Vietnamese highlands.

**Swallows Hirundinidae**

Sand Martin (Bank Swallow)  
Riparia riparia  
Small numbers seen on Tonle Sap and over the Florican Grasslands.

Barn Swallow  
Hirundo rustica  
Abundant and seen every day.

Red-rumped Swallow  
Cecropis daurica  
Commonly seen throughout the lowlands.

**Cettia bush Warblers & allies Cettidae**

Yellow-bellied Warbler  
Abroscopus superciliaris  
Only seen in bamboo in Cat Tien NP.

Mountain Tailorbird  
Phyllergates (Orthotomus) cucullatus  
Heard on a few occasions, with brief sightings near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam, in the Ta Nung Valley and on the Mt. Lang Biang Trail.

Grey-bellied Tesia  
Tesia cyaniventer  
Heard and seen briefly along the trail up Mt. Lang Biang.

Pale-footed Bush Warbler  
Urosphena pallidipes  
Good views of this understory species in Cat Tien NP.

**Bushtits Aegithalidae**

Black-throated (Grey-crowned) Bushtit (Tit) (VE if split)  
Aegithalos concinnus  
First seen on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and then again near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.  
*If split, the race seen on this trip would become a Vietnamese endemic: Grey-crowned Bushtit Aegithalos annamensis. Neither IOC nor Clements recognize this split as yet.*

**Leaf Warblers & Allies Phylloscopidae**

Dusky Warbler  
Phylloscopus fuscatus  
Several sightings were had in thickets on Tonle Sap and in the Florican Grasslands.

Radde’s Warbler  
Phylloscopus schwarzi  
Excellent views of this rather skulking warbler at Tmatboey and Veal Krous.

Yellow-browed Warbler  
Phylloscopus inornatus  
Abundant throughout!

Arctic Warbler  
Phylloscopus borealis  
Seen on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

Two-barred (Greenish) Warbler  
Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus  
Seen on a few occasions at Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP.  
**NOTE:** The Greenish Warbler complex has recently been split into two species: Greenish Warbler P. trochiloides & Two-barred Warbler P. plumbeitarsus. IOC recognizes this split but Clements does not.
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Pale-legged Leaf Warbler  
*Phylloscopus tenellipes*  
Heard on many occasions in the forest interior and seen at Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP. A shy and rather elusive warbler!

Eastern Crowned Warbler  
*Phylloscopus coronatus*  
One bird seen near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Blyth’s Leaf Warbler  
*Phylloscopus reguloides*  
Seen a few times in the Da Lat area.

Kloss’s (White-tailed) Leaf Warbler  
*Phylloscopus ogilviegranti*  
Good views on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

White-spectacled Warbler  
*Seicercus affinis*  
Superb views of at least 6 birds on the trail up Mt. Lang Biang.

Grey-cheeked Warbler  
*Seicercus poliogenys*  
Brief sightings were had on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and on the trail up Mt. Lang Biang.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler  
*Seicercus castaniceps*  
Two birds seen well on the Mt. Lang Biang Trail.

**Reed Warblers & Allies**  
*Acrocephalidae*

Thick-billed Warbler  
*Acrocephalus aedon*  
One bird popped up nicely at Veal Krous.

**Grassbirds & Allies**  
*Megaluridae*

Lanceolated Warbler  
*Locustella lanceolata*  
Brief but satisfactory views of this arch skulker in the Florican Grasslands.

Pallas’s Grasshopper Warbler  
*Locustella certhiola*  
Good views of a few birds in the Florican Grasslands.

Striated Grassbird  
*Megalurus palustris*  
Two were seen in the Florican Grasslands.

**Cisticolas & Allies**  
*Cisticolidae*

Zitting Cisticola  
*Cisticola juncidis*  
Seen in the Florican Grasslands.

Brown Prinia  
*Prinia polychroa*  
Seen on several occasions at Tmatboey.

Hill Prinia  
*Prinia atrogularis*  
Excellent views on several occasions around Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Rufescent Prinia  
*Prinia rufescens*  
This species showed well in Cat Tien NP.

Grey-breasted Prinia  
*Prinia hodgsonii*  
Commonly seen at Tmatboey.

Yellow-bellied Prinia (H)  
*Prinia flaviventris*  
Only heard on one occasion during our trip on Tonle Sap.

Plain Prinia  
*Prinia inornata*  
Seen in the Florican Grasslands and again at Veal Krous.

Common Tailorbird  
*Orthotomus sutorius*  
Heard and seen on a few occasions in the lowlands.

Dark-necked Tailorbird  
*Orthotomus atrogularis*  
Seen at Tonle Sap and in Cat Tien NP.
Babblers, Parrotbills & Allies *Timaliidae*

**Large Scimitar Babbler (H)** *Pomatorhinus hypoleucos*
Unfortunately despite our best efforts we only heard this species on one occasion in Cat Tien NP.

**White-browed Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus schisticeps*
Good views were eventually had of a pair near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Red (Orange)-billed Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps*
Incredible views were had of this sought-after species on Deo Sui Lanh Pass. Fantastic!

**Grey-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigriceps*
Seen briefly in the Ta Nung Valley.

**Rufous-capped Babbler** *Stachyridopsis ruficeps*
Seen well on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and in the Da Lat area.

**Pin Striped Tit-Babbler** *Macronous gularis*
This common Tit-Babbler was seen on Tonle Sap and daily in Cat Tien NP.

**Grey-faced Tit-Babbler (RE)** *Macronus kelleyi*
Several good sightings were had in Cat Tien NP.

**Chestnut-capped Babbler** *Timalia pileata*
A skulking species that showed well but briefly in Cat Tien NP. Also seen briefly at Veal Krous.

Fulvetas, Ground Babblers *Pellorneidae*

**Black-crowned (Rufous-winged) Fulvetta** *Alcippe klossi*
Excellent views of a few birds in a mixed flock near the top of Mt. Lang Biang.

**Mountain Fulvetta** *Alcippe peracensis*
Commonly seen on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and on Mt. Lang Biang.

**Scaly-crowned Babbler** *Malacopteron cinereum*
Good views of one bird in Cat Tien NP.

**Buff-breasted Babbler** *Pellorneum tickelli*
A pair was seen hopping on the ground in dense bamboo in Cat Tien NP.

Laughingthrushes *Leiothrichidae*

**White-crested Laughingthrush** *Garrulax leucolophus*
After hearing this species on several occasions we finally obtained good views at the feeder at our accommodation at Tmatboey.

**Black-hooded Laughingthrush (VNE) (RE)** *Garrulax millet*
Heard and seen briefly on one occasion on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

**White-cheeked Laughingthrush (VNE) (RE)** *Garrulax strepitans*
Fabulous views were had of large flocks on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and in the Ta Nung Valley.

**Orange-breasted Laughingthrush (VE)** *Garrulax annamensis*
We missioned for this species on one occasion in the Ta Nung Valley and were rewarded with decent views of this ultra-skulking endemic. Also heard on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

**Collared Laughingthrush (VE)** *Trochalopteron yersini*
Good views were had of a pair along the trail up Mt. Lang Biang.

**Vietnamese Cutia (NE)** *Cutia legalleni*
Finally we were rewarded with superb views of a small group of these stunning and endemic laughingthrushes at the start of the trail up Mt. Lang Biang. Also heard on one occasion near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Blue-winged Minla** *Minla cyanouroptera*
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Seen daily in small numbers in the Da Lat area.

**Grey-crowned Crocias** (VE) *Crocias langbianis*
First seen briefly in the Ta Nung Valley and then seen excellently on a return trip to the Valley. Splendid! We also heard this species near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam. Undoubtedly one of the top birds of the trip!

**Rufous-backed Sibia** *Heterophasia annectens*
Good but brief views were had of several birds in the Ta Nung Valley.

**Black-headed Sibia** *Heterophasia desgodinsi*
Wonderful views of several birds on each trip into the Ta Nung Valley.

**Sylviid Babblers, Parrotbills, Myzornis Sylviidae**

**Black-headed (crowned) Parrotbill** (VNE) (RE) *Psittiparus margaritae*
Commonly seen on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

**White-eyes Zosteropidae**

**Black-chinned Yuhina** *Yuhina nigrimenta*
Dave had a small group of these tiny birds on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

**Fairy-bluebirds Irenidae**

**Asian Fairy-bluebird** *Irena puella*
A spectacular bird that was seen quite frequently, especially in Cat Tien NP and in the Ta Nung Valley.

**Nuthatches Sittidae**

**Chestnut-vented Nuthatch** *Sitta nagaensis*
Seen regularly in the Da Lat area.

**Burmese (Chestnut-bellied/Neglected) Nuthatch** *Sitta castanea*
Good views of several birds at Tmatboey.

**Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** *Sitta frontalis*
A few sightings were had at Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP.

**Yellow-billed Nuthatch** (VNE) (RE) *Sitta solangiae*
This rare near-endemic was seen briefly on only one occasion on the Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

**Starlings Sturnidae**

**Golden-crested Myna** *Ampeliceps coronatus*
An often tricky species – we were incredibly fortunate to have had a large flock sitting up in a bare tree right next to the road one morning in Cat Tien NP. A spectacular bird! Further flight views were also had during our time in Cat Tien.

**Common Hill Myna** *Gracula religiosa*

**Great (White-vented) Myna** *Acridotheres javanicus*
Only seen on one occasion in Cat Tien NP.

**Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis*
Seen on most days in Cambodia.

**Vinous-breasted Starling** *Sturnus burmannicus*
Seen at Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP.
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**Black-collared Starling**
*Sturnus nigricollis*
This handsome starling was seen in the Tmatboey area and again around Da Lat.

**Chestnut-tailed Starling**
*Sturnia malabarica*
A few birds were seen at Tmatboey.

**Thrushes & Allies  *Turdidae***

**Blue Whistling Thrush**
*Myophonus caeruleus*
A brief sighting was had at dawn at our restaurant on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

**Japanese Thrush**
*Turdus cardis*
A small flock of these migrant thrushes flew overhead one morning at Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Eyebrowsed Thrush**
*Turdus obscurus*
Good scope views were had of about 20 birds near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Chats & Old World Flycatchers  *Sylviidae***

**Lesser Shortwing (H)**
*Brachypteryx leucophris*
Only heard on two occasions in the Da Lat area. An exceptionally skulking species!

**Siberian Rubythroat**
*Luscinia calliope*
Incredible views were had of a stunning male at Tmatboey.

**Siberian Blue Robin**
*Luscinia cyane*
Good views were had of males and females in Cat Tien NP. A rather shy and retiring robin!

**Oriental Magpie-Robin**
*Copsychus saularis*
This widespread Asian species was seen well during our Tone Sap trip and also at Veal Krous.

**White-rumped Shama**
*Copsychus malabaricus*
A rather retiring species but seen well in Cat Tien NP.

**White-tailed Robin**
*Myioborus leucura*
Excellant views of this shy robin along trails in the Da Lat area.

**Stejneger’s (Siberian) Stonechat**
*Saxicola stejnegeri*
Seen in the Florican Grasslands and at Veal Krous.

**Pied Bush Chat**
*Saxicola caprata*
Seen occasionally in lowland grassy areas.

**Grey Bush Chat**
*Saxicola ferreus*
Commonly seen around Da Lat.

**Blue Rock Thrush**
*Monticola solitarius*
Only seen in the Da Lat area.

**White-throated Rock Thrush**
*Monticola gularis*
A lovely male showed very well in the scope on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

**Dark-sided Flycatcher**
*Muscicapa sibirica*
One seen perched up on a dead twig on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

**Asian Brown Flycatcher**
*Muscicapa daurica*
Seen on many occasions throughout the trip.

**Mugimaki Flycatcher**
*Ficedula mugimaki*
A few sightings were had in the Vietnamese highlands.

**Taiga (Red-throated) Flycatcher**
*Ficedula albicilla*
Seen on a few occasions at Tmatboey.

**Little Pied Flycatcher**
*Ficedula westermanni*
A few sightings were had in the Da Lat area.

**Verditer Flycatcher**
*Eumyias thalassinus*
This brilliant turquoise-blue flycatcher was seen daily in the Vietnamese highlands.
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Hainan Blue Flycatcher  
*Cyornis hainanus*

Seen a few times in Cat Tien NP.

**Pale Blue Flycatcher**  
*Cyornis unicolor*

One male was heard singing and then seen briefly in Cat Tien NP.

**Tickell’s Blue Flycatcher**  
*Cyornis tickelliae*

Heard and seen on several occasions in Cat Tien NP.

**Rufous-browed Flycatcher**  
*Anthipes solitaris*

A very good bird for the route! We had one brief sighting in the Ta Nung Valley.

**Large Niltava**  
*Niltava grandis*

A gorgeous male showed well on a trail near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

**Blue-and-white Flycatcher**  
*Cyanoptila cyanomelana*

Good views of a showy male in the forest interior in Cat Tien NP.

**Leafbirds Chloropseidae**

**Golden-fronted Leafbird**  
*Chloropsis aurifrons*

Seen at Tmatboey and in Cat Tien NP.

**Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae**

**Plain Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum minullum*

Singletons seen at Cat Tien NP and in the Da Lat area.

**Fire-breasted Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum ignipectus*

Seen well on one occasion on Deo Sui Lanh Pass and again in the Da Lat area.

**Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum cruentatum*

Brief views were had of a male at Veal Krous.

**Sunbirds & Spiderhunters Nectariniidae**

**Ruby-cheeked Sunbird**  
*Chalcoparia singalensis*

A few good looks were had of this stunning sunbird in Cat Tien NP.

**Purple-naped Sunbird**  
*Hypogramma hypogrammicum*

Several sightings were had in the forest interior in Cat Tien NP.

**Van Hasselt’s (Purple-throated) Sunbird**  
*Leptocoma sperata*

One male posed well but briefly in the Tmatboey area.

**NOTE:** Purple-throated Sunbird has recently been split by the IOC into two species. The nominate L. sperata remains as Purple-throated Sunbird while the race L. brasiliana becomes Van Hasselt’s Sunbird, the species we recorded.

**Purple Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris asiaticus*

Several birds were seen at Tmatboey.

**Olive-backed Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris jugularis*

Good views of both sexes on Tonle Sap and in Cat Tien NP.

**Mrs. Gould’s Sunbird**  
*Aethopyga gouldiae*

This exquisite sunbird was seen well in the Ta Nung Valley.

**Black-throated Sunbird**  
*Aethopyga saturata*

Another sensational sunbird that showed well in the Ta Nung Valley.

**(Eastern) Crimson Sunbird**  
*Aethopyga siparaja*

This brilliant species was seen well on Deo Sui Lanh Pass.

**Little Spiderhunter**  
*Arachnothera longirostra*

Two brief sightings were had in Cat Tien NP.

**Streaked Spiderhunter**  
*Arachnothera magna*

Larger than the previous species, we enjoyed good views on several occasions throughout the Vietnamese highlands.

Rockjumper Birding Tours
Old World Sparrows  *Passeridae*

**House Sparrow**  *Passer domesticus*

Seen around towns and villages throughout the trip.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow**  *Passer montanus*

Seen around Siem Reap and on a few occasions thereafter.

Waxbills, Munias & Allies  *Estrildidae*

**Red Avadavat**  *Amandava amandava*

Good views were enjoyed of this beautiful waxbill-like species in the Florican Grasslands.

**White-rumped Munia**  *Lonchura striata*

Seen on one occasion in each of Cat Tien NP and in the Da Lat area.

**Scaly-breasted Munia (Nutmeg Mannikin)**  *Lonchura punctulata*

Flocks were found in the Florican Grasslands and in Cat Tien NP.

**Chestnut Munia**  *Lonchura atricapilla*

Brief views were had of a flock in the Florican Grasslands.

Wagtails & Pipits  *Motacillidae*

**Forest Wagtail**  *Dendronanthus indicus*

We eventually managed to see this species well in Cat Tien NP.

**Grey Wagtail**  *Motacilla cinerea*

Seen daily in the Vietnamese highlands.

**Richard’s Pipit**  *Anthus richardi*

Just one bird noted in the Florican Grasslands.

**Paddyfield (Oriental) Pipit**  *Anthus rufulus*

Common in the Florican Grasslands.

**Olive-backed Pipit**  *Anthus hodgsoni*

First seen en route to Tmatboey and thereafter seen occasionally around Tmatboey, at Veal Krous and in the Da Lat area.

Finches  *Fringillidae*

**Vietnamese Greenfinch (E)**  *Chloris monguilloti*

This striking endemic was seen frequently in the Vietnamese highlands.

**Red Crossbill**  *Loxia curvirostra*

One flock was encountered near Ho Tuyen Lam Dam.

Mammals (15 species seen)

**Treeshrews  *Tupaiidae***

**Northern Slender-tailed Treeshrew**  *Dendrogale murina*

Singletons were seen on a few occasions in Cat Tien NP.

**Old World Fruit Bats**

**Large Flying Fox**  *Pteropus vampyrus*

Good views were had of this species along with the next species at a park in Siem Reap.

**Lyle’s Flying Fox**  *Pteropus lylei*

We watched this species in the scope alongside the previous species at a park in Siem Reap.
Monkeys  *Cercopithecidae*

**Black-shanked Douc**  *Pygathrix nigripes*
These scarce primates were seen on a few occasions in Cat Tien NP.

**Long-tailed Macaque**  *Macaca fascicularis*
Good views of troops in Cat Tien NP.

**Northern Pig-tailed Macaque**  *Macaca nemestrina*
A few seen in Cat Tien NP.

Gibbons  *Hylobatidae*

**Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbon**  *Nomascus gabriellae*
Unbeatable views of a gorgeous female and her baby in Cat Tien NP. Also heard on many occasions throughout the reserve.

Mongooses  *Herpestidae*

**Crab-eating Mongoose**  *Herpestes urva*
A single animal was seen briefly during our final morning walk in Cat Tien NP.

Pigs  *Sus scrofa*

**Wild Boar**  *Sus scrofa*
One was seen briefly at the side of the road on an evening drive in Cat Tien NP.

Deer  *Cervidae*

**Indian Muntjac**  *Muntiacus muntjak*
One was seen on an evening drive in Cat Tien NP.

**Sambar**  *Cervus unicolor*
Several seen on evening drives in Cat Tien NP.

Squirrels  *Sciuridae*

**Black Giant Squirrel**  *Ratufa bicolor*
Seen in Cat Tien, on Deo Sui Lanh and in the Da Lat area.

**Pallas’s Squirrel**  *Calliosciurus erythraeus*
Commonly seen at most sites.

**Variable Squirrel**  *Callosciurus finlaysoni*
One brightly coloured individual seen in the Tmatboey area.

**Cambodian Striped Squirrel**  *Tamiops rodolphii*
Several sightings were had at most localities.